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SUBJECT: NOMINATION FOR PARTIAL IV GRANT

REF: STATE 040459, BUDAPEST0565, BUDAPEST 0690

1. THIS IS THE SECOND OF THREE DETAILED PROGRAM PROPOSALS  
AND BIO INFORMATION/NOMINATION CABLES ON THE THREE HUNGARIAN  
PARTIAL IV GRANTEES MENTIONED IN PARA 2 STATE REFTEL AND  
PARA 6 OF BUDAPEST 0565.

2. PART I - NOMINATION - JUSTIFICATION.

NAME: DR. LASZLO KERY.

TYPE OF GRANT: 27 DAY PARTIAL IV GRANT. HUNGARIAN SIDE  
PAYS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. PARTIAL IV GRANT TO COVER  
DOMESTIC U.S. TRAVEL AND PER DIEM FOR 27 DAYS.

PLANS TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK ON APRIL 3 AND DEPART ON APRIL 29.

JUSTIFICATION: THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF DR. KERY'S VISIT  
TO THE U.S. IS TO DEVELOP AND PROMOTE CONTACTS AND  
EXCHANGES IN THE FIELD OF LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS.

DR. KERY IS THE THE EDITOR OF THE LITERARY MONTHLY NAGYVILAG,  
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE HUNGARIAN PEN CLUB AND FORMER  
HEAD OF THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AT BUDAPEST UNIVERSITY.

IN THIS CAPACITY, DR. KERY WOULD LIKE TO GET ACQUAINTED  
WITH THE MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN AMERICAN LITERATURE.

MEET WITH AMERICAN WRITERS, AND MEET WITH EDITORS  
AND PUBLISHERS. PURPOSE OF THE LATTER WOULD BE TO  
SPECIFICALLY EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR AN EXPANDED

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PROGRAM OF TRANSLATION OF HUNGARIAN LITERARY WORKS,

AND TO PROMOTE THE INCREASED PUBLICATION OF EACH SIDE'S LITERARY WORKS IN EACH OTHERS' COUNTRIES.  
POST OBJECTIVES: THIS GRANT, IN ADDITION TO SUPPORTING POST CPP OBJECTIVES CAN ALSO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE AS A STEP IN THE IMPLEMENTATION IN THE BILATERAL CONTEXT OF THE CSCE AGREEMENTS ON THE GREATER FLOW AND EXCAHNGE OF LITERARY WORKS.  
TENTATIVE VISA ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION: CONSULAR SECTION HAS NOTHING ON RECORD TO INDICATE INELIGIBILITY.

PART II. BIOGRAPHIC DATA.

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: BORN IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY  
SEPTEMBER 17, 1920.  
MARITAL STATUS: MALE, MARRIED.  
EDUCATION: PH.D IN LITERATURE, UNIVERSITY OF BUDAPEST, 1944; POST-GRADUATE STUDIES: 16 MONTHS IN GREAT BRITAIN AT KING'S COLLEGE, LONDON, 1947-48.  
PRESENT POSTION: EDITOR, LITERARY MONTHLY NAGYVILAG, GENERAL SECRETARY, HUNGARIAN PEN CLUB.  
PAST POSITIONS: MINISTRY OF CULTURE 1945-50; HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER, DEBRECEN 1950-53;  
FACULTY MEMBER, DEPARTMENT OF WORLD LITERATURE, UNIVERSITY OF BUDAPEST 1953-67. HEAD, ENGLISH DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY OF BUDAPEST 1967-73.  
PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS: CHAKESPEARIAN TRADGEDY, BUDAPEST 1959; SHAKESPEARIAN COMEDY, BUDAPEST 1964; SHAKESPEARE, BRECHT AND THE OTHERS (ARTICLES ON THE THEATER), BUDAPEST 1968; BRITISH WRITERS (A COLLECTION OF ESSAYS), BUDAPEST 1975.  
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, FLUENT.  
TRAVEL: ALL OVER THE WORLD.  
ADDRESS: 1067 BUDAPEST, EOTVOS UTCA 9.  
EMERGENCY ADDRESS: AS ABOVE.

PART III- PROGRAMMING INFORMATION.

DR. KERY WOULD LIKE TO SPEND APRIL 3TO 7 IN WASHINGTON, APRIL 8 THROUGH 20 IN NEW YORK CITY AND ENVIRONS AND APRIL 21 THROUGH 27 IN SAN FRANCISCO.  
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IN WASHINGTON, IN ADDITION TO MEETING WITH HIS PROGRAMMING OFFICER DR. KERY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE CITY WITH PRIMARY EMPHASIS ON ITS CULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS, PARTICULARLY LIBRARIES AND THE THEATER.  
IN NEW YORK HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT WITH THE EDITORS OF THE NEW YORK REVIEW OF BOOKS, THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY, THE AMERICAN REVIEW AND THE NEW YORKER. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO VISIT WITH THE FOLLOWING WRITERS, WITH MOST

OF WHOM DR. KERY IS PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED, AND FOR  
WHOM HE ACTED AS HOST DURING THEIR VISITS TO HUNGARY;  
ARTHUR MILLER, PHILP ROTH, KURT VONNEGUT, JR.,  
RICHARD WILBUR AND WILLIAM JAY SMITH.  
IN SAN FRANCISCO HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET LAWRENCE  
FERLINGHETTI AND YOUNG POETS AND WRITERS.  
ADDITIONAL CONTENT TO THE VISIT, ALONG WITH OTHER  
APPOINTMENTS CAN BE DISCUSSED AND WORKED OUT DURING  
THE VISIT TO THE WASHINGTON PROGRAMMING AGENCY.

3. DR. KERY IS AN EXPERIENCE TRAVELER AND  
COMPLETELY FLUENT IN ENGLISH. ACCORDINGLY HE  
DOES NOT REQUIRE THE SERVICES OF AN ESCORT INTERPRETER.  
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